



Proud to Belong

2011 Special Olympics Idaho State Summer Games

40 years ago Special Olympics Idaho was founded on the belief in the transformative power of sports. We continue to embrace the purity of sports at all levels as we witness incredible personal athletic triumphs that shatter negative stereotypes. To this day we remain united in our commitment to inclusion, respect, and dignity. As we celebrate our 40 years of service, it seems fitting that we remember those who fought for human rights around the world in the 1940's.

World War II acted as a catalyst that propelled human rights onto the global stage and into the global conscience. Men and women of all races, religions, and nationalities joined together to put an end to the inhumane civil injustice taking place worldwide under the Axis Powers. Pride, effort, persistence, faith, community, and sacrifice are just a few adjectives that can be used to describe the Americans and Allies that pulled together as one to defeat an intolerant ideal.



Given the opportunity all humans have the ability to succeed, regardless of race, gender, creed, or ability. Following the example given to us by the heroes of the 1940's, Special Olympics Idaho athletes and volunteers are capable, tenacious, and resilient. We don't give up on ourselves or each other. We empower athletes to be contributing and respected members of Special Olympics and society. We build communities of acceptance: loving families, inspired employees, passionate coaches, dedicated volunteers, and captivated fans. We are one movement, across every community and every country. Just as the brave men and women of the 1940's were, we too are PROUD TO BELONG, and we will continue to work toward victory over intolerance!



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